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SUBJECT: ANAPO LEADER MARIA EUGENIA RETURNS TO COLOMBIA

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BEGIN SUMMARY. MARIA EUGENIA ROJAS DE MORENO DIAZ RETURNED TO COLOMBIA ON JUNE 22 AFTER AN ABSENCE OF MORE THAN A YEAR. AT A RALLY IN BOGOTA BOTH SHE AND HER FATHER, GENERAL GUSTAVO ROJAS PINILLA, ATTACKED THE "OLIGARCHY" AND CRITICIZED THE PRESENT SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY. SHE STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT HER FATHER WILL BE THE ANAPO 1974 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.
END SUMMARY.

1. MARIA EUGENIA ROJAS DE MORENO DIAZ RETURNED TO COLOMBIA ON JUNE 22 AFTER A YEAR'S ABSENCE IN THE UNITED STATES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT. SHE ARRIVED AT BARRANQUILLA EARLY ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 22 AND FLEW TO BOGOTA THAT AFTERNOON. SHE WAS TAKEN IN A CARAVAN OF VEHICLES TO A SMALL SQUARE IN FRONT OF THE MAIN BOGOTA RAILROAD STATION BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT
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HAD REFUSED TO ALLOW ANAPO TO STAGE A RALLY IN THE CITY'S
MAIN PLAZA.

2. GUSTAVO ROJAS PINILLA OPENED THE RALLY WITH A SPEECH
IN WHICH HE WELCOMED HIS DAUGHTER BACK TO COLOMBIA. HE
SAID THAT NEVER BEFORE HAD THERE BEEN SUCH POPULAR DIS-
CONTENT AS THERE IS IN THE COUNTRY AT PRESENT. HE URGED
THE ANAPISTAS TO EMPHASIZE THE REORGANIZATION OF THE
PARTY SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THE NATIONAL
OLIGARCHY AS REPRESENTED BY THE LIBERAL AND
CONSERVATIVE PARTIES.

3. IN HER SPEECH MARIA EUGENIA STATED THAT GUSTAVO
ROJAS IS THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE OF ANAPO AND WILL BE
WHILE HE LIVES. SHE CRITICIZED BITTERLY THE LIBERAL AND
CONSERVATIVE PARTIES AND SAID THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO END
THE OLIGARCHIC CONTROL OF COLOMBIA BY A FEW FAMILIES.
SHE SAID THAT THE RISING COST OF LIVING AND UNEMPLOYMENT
ARE BASIC PROBLEMS THAT ARE UNDERMINING COLOMBIA,
AND CONCLUDED THAT THE AIM OF ANAPO IS TO CREATE A NEW
SOCIETY THAT WILL BE BOTH JUST AND FREE.

4. COMMENT. WITH THE RETURN OF MARIA EUGENIA IT IS
PROBABLE THAT THE ANAPO CAMPAIGN EFFORT FOR THE 1974
ELECTION WILL BECOME BETTER ORGANIZED. ONE OF THE
PROBLEMS THAT HAS AFFECTED ANAPO HAS BEEN THE LACK OF
A DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT THE MANY
TASKS REQUIRED BY A PARTY ORGANIZATION. ROJAS HIMSELF
IS NOT PHYSICALLY ABLE TO HOLE UP UNDER SUCH DEMANDING
DAILY ACTIVITIES; MARIA EUGENIA HAS ALWAYS BEEN QUITE
EFFECTIVE IN THIS RESPECT.

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